



Thomas Topuzes joined Valley Independent Bank in April of 1991. He is an Executive Vice President and the Bank's Chief Administrative Officer. His responsibilities also include Global Banking. Mr. Topuzes has over seventeen years of experience in the banking industry, previously as Executive Vice President and Director of First International Bank of Chula Vista.

In the public sector he served as Regional Administrator for the U. S. Small Business Administration from 1986 to 1989. During this time, he was responsible for administering SBA Programs in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. Three years prior to this appointment, he was Deputy Director and Counsel for the Department of Economic Opportunity of the State of California. He has also served on the U.S. Department of Education National Assessment Governing Board.

Tom received a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in finance, economics and psychology from San Diego State University and a Juris Doctor from Western State University College of Law, San Diego. He is a member of the California State Bar.

Tom serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for National University. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of VIDA, Valley of Imperial Development Alliance. Tom is also a member of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, and the Southern California Water Committee Board.

He and his wife, Kathy, live in El Centro with their two children, Matthew and Kimberly.